

MONOLINE PENCIL ROMAN CAPS

A B C D E F

G H I J K L M N

O P Q R S T

U V W X Y Z

Roman Families:

less than 1/2: I, J

1/2 square: B, E, F, J, L, P, R, S

3/4 square: T, H, A, N, K, U, V, X, Y, Z

7/8 - Full square: D, O, G, C, Q

More than a square: M, W

Shape Families:

Straight lines: I, L, F, E, T, H

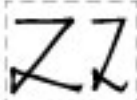
Straight and Curves: J, B, U, R, P, D

Round: C, G, O, Q, S

Diagonal: A, K, M, N, V, W, X, Y, Z

ROMANS - CASUAL TRANSITION

- 1 - To begin the transition from Roman Trajans to modern, change the proportions and let the letters 'expand and contract'. Experiment with changing the widths of each letter while being aware of your visual comfort zone and balance. O is the mother, and determines the shape for the round letters. Use a version of O that you are comfortable with but also repeat that shape in C, D, B, P, Q and R.

A A • B B • C C • D D • E E • F F • G G • H H • I I ^{Peter Thornton's version} J J • K K
L L • M M • N N • O O • P P • Q Q • R R • S S • T T • U U • V V
W W • X X • Y Y • Z Z 

- 2 - Move the 'waistlines' up or down for a more playful letter. Also, raise the base stroke of E and L upwards.

CHANGE THE WAISTLINES = PLAYFUL FEEL

- 3 - Play with the vertical axis of each letter. Try not to have parallel lines that are next to each other.

QUICK BROWN FOX • LAZY DOG

4- "Soften" the strokes with a slight curve | | to make the letter more friendly and less stiff.

THE QUICK BROWN FOX JUMPS
OVER THE LAZY DOG

5 - Allow the letters to leave the strict baseline and let them 'float' above or below to give them more life.

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I find it easier to give myself some kind of "line-idea" so that I'm not all over the place!
This could be a box, a center line, even the guidelines and just tell yourself to do over and under the lines.

THE QUICK BROWN FOX JUMPS
OVER THE LAZY DOG.

A QUICK BROWN FOX
JUMPS OVER THE
LAZY DOG.

Modern Visigothic

THE QUICK BROWN
FOX JUMPS OVER THE
LAZY DOG

Read Between The Lines

ABCDEFGHI
JKLMNOP
QRSTUVWXYZ
XYZ

Neugebauer Caps

ABCDEFGHIJK
LMNOPQRST
UVWXYZ

Pressurized Pencil, Casual Caps

THE QUICK BROWN FOX
JUMPS OVER
THE LAZY DOG.

Gwen Weaver Caps

ABCDEFGHIJ
KLMNOPQRS
TUVWXYZ

Loosely Hand Drawn

A B C D E E F G
H I J K L M N N
O P Q R R
S T U V
W X Y Z

Killian Caps

ABCDEFGHIJKL
MNOPQRSTU
VWXYZ

With a Brush Marker

THE QUICK
BROWN FOX JUMPS
OVER LAZY DOG. X

Randall Hasson B-nib Chunky